

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

***Reply under 37 CFR §1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1600***

**In re application of:** Rota *et al.*

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**For:** NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ISOLATED  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment and Response to Final Office Action (“Amendment”) is filed in reply to the final Office action, dated May 26, 2006. A three-month period for reply was set in the Office action. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension for response, and the applicable extension fee is paid online concurrent with the submission of this Amendment. Thus, a timely response is filed on or before September 26, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to file this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 02-4550.

Please amend the claims as set forth on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3 and conclude on page 6.

A “Declaration of Paul A. Rota under 37 C.F.R. §1.132” and the corresponding fee, and an “Amendment and Request to Delete the Names of Inventors under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)” are submitted online herewith.